COUNCIL AGENDA: 5-5-15 ITEM: 4.1



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND

CITY COUNCIL

FROM:

Councilmember

Donald Rocha

SUBJECT:

DEFERRAL OF MONTEREY RD.

GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT

DATE:

April 30, 2015

Approved

Date

4/30/15

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council defer item 4.1, General Plan Text Amendment and Communications Hill Specific Plan Amendment Related to the Real Property at 2829 Monterey Road, to the evening session of the May 12, 2015 City Council meeting.

ANALYSIS

The Monterey Road General Plan Amendment was originally scheduled to be heard on April 21, 2015, but the Council deferred the item for two weeks—it is currently scheduled to be heard during the afternoon session of the May 5th Council Meeting. Upon reviewing the agenda for May 5th and the agenda for May 12th, it seems to me that it may be more appropriate to hear this item in the evening on May 12th.

I have two reasons: first, there is no evening session on May 5th, which means we will have to hear the item in the afternoon. If we defer to May 12th, we would be able to hear the item in the evening, consistent with our standard practice for major land use items. Second, the Council will note that two very similar items are already scheduled for the evening of the 12th: item 11.3, a General Plan Amendment for 1150 Campbell Ave, and item 11.4, General Plan Amendment for 320 Race Street. Like the Monterey Road amendment, both of these items are industrial conversions that staff is bringing forward for early denial. It makes sense for us to discuss all three of these items at the same meeting given the similarity of the issues in question.

I thank my colleagues for their consideration in this matter.